Allotment of book stalls

1389. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allot book stalls on Indian Railways to the reputed puiblishers/distributers/book sellers on the pattern of new catering policy dated 6th January, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c). what are the categories/persons to whom the book stalls are awarded on Railway platforms and the procedure therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to (c) As per policy, new bookstall contracts are allotted to Co-operative Societies, of actual workers/vendqrs, Co-operative Societies of Unemployed Graduates within the age group of 18 to 30 years, Partnerships and Associations , of Unemployed Graduates and individual Unemployed Graduates, except at stations/platforms where the existing contractor has sole selling rights under the Agreement. Applications are called for from eligible categories and allotment of bookstall contracts is made after scrutiny by a Screening Committee of Officers and approval by competent authority. There is no proposal to change this policy.

Contract awarded to Asea Brown Bovery of Swiss firm

1390. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have , awarded the $ 190 million Asian Development Bank funded contract to the Swiss firm 'Asea Brown Bovery'; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this has been done without the claerance from the Public Investment Board or the Cabinet Committee, for Economic Affairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. The letter of acceptance has been issued.

(b) Yes, Sir. Such procurement by the Ministry- of Railways does not require the clearance of the Public Investment Board or the Cabinet Committee for Economic Affairs.

Metropolitan Railway Projects

1391. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Metropolitan Railway Projects in Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras, Hyderabad and Bangalore;

(b) what are the commuter rail projects in Bombay and their funding arrangements;

(c) what is the progress of railway project in New-Bombay; and

(d) the progress made in the creation of New Railway Terminal at KURLA on Central Railway and new terminal on Western Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN); (a) *Bombay:*

1. Mankhurd-Belapur Railway Line Project.

2. Additional pair of lines between Bandra and Andheri.

Calicutt;

1. Metre Railway, Calcutta from Dun) Dum Junction ot Tollyganj.

Madras;

1. Rapid Transit System from Madrsa Beach to Luz.

Delhi: No Metropolitan Railway
Hyderabad: Project is under execution;
Bangalore: *J* by the Railways.